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** MMMonVHF Newsletter / No.01 - WEEK 17/2012 **

Hallo dear MMMonVHF friends,

please find below our latest NEWSLETTER from the VHF-DX-Portal
"Make More Miles on VHF" (www.MMMonVHF.de), dated 2012-04-04
We try to distribute our Newsletter, once a week on thursday;
if any special activity will make it necessary
we will inform you with Breaking News or a Special NL-Edition.
For further details please be so kind and look at our "News"-page
http://www.mmmonvhf.de/latest.php - you are welcome for any
input and we hope you will enjoy the VHF-DX-Portal MMMonVHF!

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Latest NEWS and INFO for the NEWSLETTER
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** MMMonVHF back on track **

During the last two weeks you will have noticed that the MMMonVHF webpages have been offline a couple of times for several hours and once for more than one day. You will also have noticed that you have not received our weekly newsletter in the last two weeks before this issue.

Main reason is that we had a security issue to deal with.
When this occured while sending the weekly newsletter, the pages went offline.
The real cause and solution was not easy to find so we decided to skip the newsletter and were able to remove the NL-scrips from our server to have a better understanding what happened.

Our webmaster Ansgar, DG2KBC, succeeded in finding the cause of the security issue and soon after that the webpages were online again and the newsletter script was reinstalled.

Our apologies for not being there for some time. We received some E-mails that we were missed and for our team it's good to know that our work is appreciated.

73 de Frank, PA4EME, on behalf of the team of MMMonVHF

** PI9CAM last activity before restauration **

The Dwingeloo Dish, also known as PI9CAM, will be removed from it's pedastal for the BIG restoration. The last activity from the dish will be on April 28th in the evening. Bands in use will be 432 MHz and 1296 MHz. As there are many visitors there will be also some SSTV, listing to pulsars and optical telescopes. Around 22.00 UTC the 25 meter dish will taken out of service with a small ceremony and the 56 year old monument is expected back in early 2013.

More information can be found on: www.camras.nl

SOURCE: Jan van Muijlwijk, PA3FXB, direct to MMMonVHF

** Sporadic E season 2012 **

Based on data from recent years it is possible to expect the first Sporadic E on 144 MHz in 3 weeks. Due to the fact that several countries got acces to 70 MHz in the last months, we have another detection tool for Sporadic E on 144 MHz.

As in earlier years, MMMonVHF will only report QSO's on 144 MHz, no 50 MHZ, no 70 MHz, no BC broadcast.

To report QSO's you can use the form that is available in the ES-section by ticking the SEND YOUR REPORT button. Users of VQ-log can use a small app that is able to send daily ES QSO data from your VQlog database to MMMonVHF.

We will try to publish reports and maps as fast as possible. Please do not forget that your report WILL NOT SHOW UP INMIDIATLY but only after each report is seen and processed by Frank, PA4EME.
There are so many types of logbook that it is almost impossible to have a full automatic process. Please read this:
http://www.mmmonvhf.de/minibb/index.php?action=vthread&forum=11&topic=28

Each year I receive reports with wrong dates; please be carefull when you are sending your report the day after an opening. A good log only contains:

HH:MM CALL SQUARE

Mind the : in the timeframe
Look for the 0 (zero) and the O (oscar) in locators
The date is in top of the report so no need to write it again

Following this, you would help me a lot and with good reports I will be able to create logs and maps within minutes and almostv realtime.

Spoken of realtime Sporadic E:
there are still many who have not heard of LiveMUF from G7RAU.
This is a musthave for serious ES hunters.
You can find it here:

http://g7rau.demon.co.uk/default.aspx?menu=5000&LOGINID=a&LOGINKEY=a

No program can work without correct input: a good formated spot will trigger the right bells when needed so spot your ES-QSO on the DX-cluster like this

12:00 144.300 PA4EME LZ2GM JO20WX<ES>KN32RL

the formated part JO20WX<ES>KN32RL is important!

It is important to spot short skip 50 MHz and 70 MHz as these will be good indicators for 144 MHz ES.

Good Hunting!

Source: Frank, PA4EME, editor Sporadic E section MMMonVHF

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HOT 144 MHz MS & EME DX-PEDITION NEWS - Pse do use:
http://www.mmmonvhf.de/latest.php
and use the FILTER for your personal wishes!
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** DXCC: EY; Tadzjikistan; square MM48; start 2012-04-27 **

LATEST NEWS by Rene, PE1L, dated 2012-04-20:

Next week we will be active from Tadzjikistan.
>From april 27th till april 29th 2012, DL8YHR and PE1L will be QRV 144
and 432 MHz moonbounce.
The callsign will be EY8ZF and the locator is MM48jn

We will be there only 2.5 moonpass so don't miss it.

144 MHz
We always TX and RX 144.134 MHz, 1 minute periods and we will TX always first.
Setup: 2 x 9 Xpol DF7KF yagi
We will be on N0UK logger for last minute freq change.

432 MHz
WSJT TX and RX 432.090 MHz
CW TX and RX 432.040 MHz
1 minute periods and we will TX always first.
Setup: 38 element m2 Antenna
We will be on HB9Q logger for last minute freq change.

SOURCE: Rene, PE1L, direct to MMMonVHF

** DXCC: OZ; Danmark; square JO57; start 2012-04-26 **

OZ9KY will be qrv from JO57GG the 26 - 28 april.

We will be qrv on 144MHz and 1296 MHz EME

144 MHz Rig:
IC756 Pro2 + TR144H + transverter
2 x 4WL
QRO
QRG: 144.145 +/- QRM

1296 MHz Rig:
IC756 Pro2 + TR1296 transverter
1,9 M Dish
200W

Qrv also on N0UK and HB9Q logger
CU on the MOON

SOURCE: tnx to OZ9KY direct to MMMonVHF

** DXCC: HS; Thailand; square OK17 **

The E2E operations ended on April 25th around 11.00 UTC.
There are 138 QSO's in the log with is a good result given
that the antenna's were broken and two preamps blown.
E2E was an expedition to help the Radio Amateur Society of
Thailand (RAST), who lost all their clubequipment during
the recent floods in Thailand. Pictures from the damage
can be seen here:
http://www.qsl.net/rast/

SOURCE: tnx to Karsten, DL2LAH/HS0ZIL direct to MMMonVHF

** DXCC: TF: Iceland; square HP94; start 2012-04-20 **

TF3ML Portable operation from south coast of Iceland (HP94AC)

I will be on my specially built truck with large antennas,
high power on VHF and UHF and also on 50mhz, 70mhz and 28mhz.
Please look at my facebook site, there I will post my locator,
frequency and mode, which I will be operating.
If you have any requests on a special locator, I am completely
mobile. Send me a text or e-mail if you have any requests or
want to set up a sced. E-mail address: tf3ml@hotmail.com,
and mobile phone: 00354-8418311.

SOURCE: tnx to TF3ML direct to MMMonVHF

DXCC: GM; Scotland; square IO66; start 2012-04-28 **

Camb-Hams qrv again from IO66VH

Continuing the Camb-Hams traditional Scottish Island
activations, beginning with Mull in 2008, Harris in 2009
and 2010, and Arran in 2011, we&#65533;ve decided to return to
the Isle of Mull in the Scottish Inner Hebrides (IOTA EU-008).
But where the first year was part-time operation of a single
station, in a cottage at the base of some cliffs blocking
the path to North America, this year we are going for something
bigger.

SOURCE: tnx to Gavin, M1BXG, direct to MMMonVHF

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Latest V/U/SHF DX-PEDITION NEWS and EVENTS - Pse do use:
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DXCC: LZ; Bulgaria; square KN22; start 2012-05-05 **

During Memorial Pobeda 67 (from 08.00 UTC on 5th of May till 14.00 UTC
on 9th of May 2012) LZ1DX, Ned, will activate special callsign LZ67VZ
via EME on frequencies 432.144 MHz, 2320.144 MHz and 2304.144 MHz.
See: http://www.qrz.com/db/lz67vz for details.

To arrange SKED&#65533;s please write to lz1dx@lz1dx.org

All contacts will be confirmed 100% by the log via LZ QSL Bureau.

Special callsign LZ67VZ is devoted to the hero of the World War II,
the Bulgarian general Vladimir Zaimov

LZ67VZ operation (printing and sending QSL cards) is sponsored by
SILPA Ltd. - Video with general manager Krasimir Ivanov LZ2UW
(op. Krasi) who was graduated from technical college
"Vladimir Zaimov" in Sopot: http://www.pgzaimov.com - School Radio
 Club LZ1KVZ

We'll take part in Memorial Pobeda 67, 5 - 9 of May 2012 -
Rules In Russian,
about PSK:
 http://www.epc-ru.ru/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=1156&Itemid=103

The operator's team will be: LZ1ADF Alex, LZ1BJ Boyan, LZ1DOT Valyo,
 LZ1DX Ned, LZ1MC Slav, LZ1ZF Gosho, LZ2JR Boris, LZ2UW Krasi
and LZ3HI Emil.

LZ67VZ will be active on DigiModes DMC# 5525 DMC and EPC# 18090 EPC

LZ67VZ QSL's will be printed by Gold Print Service - LZ3HI

SOURCE: tnx to Maurice, F5NQL, direct to MMMonVHF

** DXCC: ??; square: ??; start 2012-05-17 **

ME-DXpedition 2012 de DL1YMK

The M&M-team is preparing the next EME-DXpedition, taking place in
May 2012. We will set out for our destination just after having
returned from the Swedish EME Meeting, organised by Lars, SM4IVE,
on the weekend 12./13th of May in &#65533;rebro. We hope to reach our
destination in time and to get QRV on Thursday, 17th of May
(bank holiday in Europe) on 23 cm, followed by 70 cm on 18.05.
On Saturday, 19.05., we will be on 13 cm and on Sunday again on
23 cm. 13 cm will be run with a significant increase in power and
full 2424 MHz coverage. For the first time during an EME- DXpedition,
we intend to get also operational on 6 cm with our old, but proven
stressed dish and a new superb feed made by our friend Tommy,
WD5AGO. 6 cm will have an experimental character despite some 100 W
out, as we couldn&#65533;t test so far, if the under-illuminated dish will
work up that high in frequency, so keep your fingers crossed!! Our
plan is to give it a try on Monday, 21th May. Also, we intend to
get active on 3 cm with a separate solid dish, which of course is

a lot smaller. Last weekend we made the first test with LX1DB, having
installed the dish in our garden place. The tests were not yet
satisfying, so our friend Willi right now is trying to help us out
with some substantial development aid!
During the DUBUS contest 26./27th of May, we will of course be
active on 23 cm in order to boost activity in the moonbounce contest
of contests. Our last day of operation will be Thursday, 31st of May.
A detailed schedule for the days from 21th May onwards predominantly
will depend on the progress with 10GHz in the meantime. Further details
to be published soon!! This year&#65533;s DXpedition will be the 9th
EME-DXpedition in a sequence for us. We hope to have fun all together
as experienced during past years DXpeditions.but this largely depends
on you.
Needless to say that it will be again a CW random event, although
doodle mode technically is possible (with a new laptop computer)
on request. We have no idea yet to what extent (if at all) i-net
access is feasable, though.

Vy 73, Michael and Monika

SOURCE: Moon mailing list ; Moon@moonbounce.info

** DEADLINE for your NEWS input to MMMonVHF**

... for your News (pse use: http://www.mmmonvhf.de/newsuser.php)
to the next MMMonVHF Newsletter will be next wednesday 22.00 UTC ...

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The VHF-DX-Portal MMMonVHF - Newsletter Credits & Info
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VHF-DX-Portal MMMonVHF and as well by a lot of free usable
HF-V-U-SHF-Info-Sources (named as SOURCE at the NEWS) and chats
like ON4KST-, RU-VHF-DX-Net, EA-V-U-SHF-Chat, N0UK-Chat and others.

** Many thanks to all our USERS who did send us info and news **

Wherever we found the info we always indicate the source of the
info. If you get knowledge of an expedition, which is NOT listed
at our VHF-DX-Portal MMMonVHF or if you have additional info for
an expedition, PLEASE be so kind and send us this info at:

** www.mmmonvhf.de/newsuser.php or www.mmmonvhf.de/contact.php **

The MMMonVHF-Team is always trying to spread any expedition info
as much up-to-date and reliable as possible and as long as the
info does not violate with our MMMonVHF-Policy ...

Have a lot of fun and enjoy the VHF-DX-Portal MMMonVHF!

73 de Lins PA3CMC and Frank, PA4EME
on behalf of the MMMonVHF-Team

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IV3NDC OZ1LPR PA2DW PA3BIY PA3CMC & PA4EME